

REMARKS

This RCE and accompanying amendment are in response to the Final Official Action mailed November 22, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed February 15, 2006.

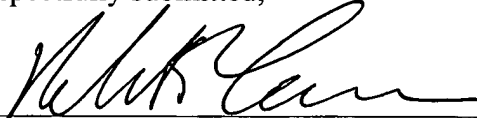
In the present paper, claims 1-16 have been canceled, and claims 50-65 have been added. 17-49 have been withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement. Claims 50-65 are now presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following remarks.

*Conclusion*

Applicants respectfully assert that all the claims currently presented in the case are in condition for allowance, and earnestly request that the Examiner to reconsider the Final Rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate in contacting the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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